

Red Oaks Primary School
6th October 2021
Newsletter



Thank You

Thank you to all those who came along to the Red Oaks Car boot on Saturday. It was a huge success. The school made £186 from pitches and refreshments! This money will be donated to the school for resources. **Please look out for information coming out soon on the Red Oaks Firework night - 4th November - gates open 5:30pm.**

Fire Drill

We had an unexpected fire drill earlier in the term at 2:50pm. It is highly important that we get the children safely out of the building and on to our fire assembly point which is the MUGA. Our priority is always the children and adults' safety; therefore, it is vital that if you are on site you follow the directions of the members of staff. It may be that you are asked to leave the site and wait outside the fence if we cannot quickly isolate the incident. Thank you for your understanding and patience in circumstances such as this.

Covid 19 Results

If your child is having a PCR test, please contact the school to advise us. Once your child has the results, please inform us immediately so that we can update our records. Many thanks.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that parents' evening will be virtually on the 20th October. The online booking system will be up and running shortly. A letter will be sent out this week with all of the details.

World Mental Health Day



This Sunday 10th October marks [World Mental Health Day](#). This year, more than ever, it is important that we acknowledge this day by reflecting on the implications of mental health for all and understanding that there should be no stigma attached to mental health. On Monday 11th October classes will undertake some mindfulness activities and talk about the importance of talking about our feelings. This day will be a non-uniform day, with everyone being encouraged to wear something **YELLOW**; we are not asking for any donations as we would like to focus on raising awareness. Please visit our mental health section on the [Red Oaks Website](#).

Primary School Admissions for September 2022

Most children start school at the start of the school year following their fourth birthday. They can't start school before this. Unless you decide to educate your child at home, your child must start school by the school term following their fifth birthday.

You can apply for a primary or infant school place starting September 2022 for a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. For more information and to apply for a place please visit:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions

The deadline for applications is **15th January 2022**.

No Nuts



We politely request that **NO NUTS** at all in any variety or form (bars, packets or spread) are brought into school in lunch boxes as we do have children with severe allergies that can be life threatening. **This includes peanut butter** which we do not allow in sandwiches. Please do not include packets of sweets in your child's lunch box, e.g. Haribo. Thank you for your understanding.

Nursery & Reception School Tours

We are starting to run our school tours for children starting in Nursery or Reception in 2022. These are held every Thursday at 11.15am. You do not need to book these, please just turn up at the school office and one of the ladies will give you a quick tour of the school.

Mrs Maxfield, Head of School, will also do tours on the following dates:

- 15th November 5.30pm
- 19th November 1.30pm

Year 6 to Secondary School Admissions

The closing date for this is 31st October. You can make an application after this date, but it will be a late application. Late applications will not be considered until all on-time applications have been considered and allocated.

General School Site Rules

- Please be mindful of language whilst on school premises - we have had reports of some colourful language used on site
- Mobiles are not to be used on the school site
- Dogs are not permitted on site
- Children and siblings are not allowed to use the play equipment/Netscape after school. This is for health and safety reasons.
- Car park is 5mph
- Parents parking is the side furthest away from the school. The car park closer to school is primarily for staff and school visitors. Please do not double park on either side of the car park
- Children and Adults must walk their scooters/bikes from the main entrance
- Disabled Car Park - this is blue badge holders and taxis **ONLY**

School Lottery - please see flyer attached

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/cause-data/25b58c77-8dd8-401a-8332-151ea1c2e47a/leaflets/f45d5656-d12d-439b-8859-efafb6f3f7b3/ysl_back_to_school_sept2021%20-%20digital.pdf?updated=637608549148330000

HARVEST DONATIONS Friday October 15th 2021

Each year our school collects non-perishable, tinned and packet food which is then donated to the Swindon Food Collective (Swindon's food bank). They then distribute your donated items to those in need; helping individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves because of low wages, family crisis, delayed payments, redundancy, bereavement and/or sickness.

HOWEVER, THINGS HAVE CHANGED THIS YEAR. Normally Swindon Food Bank ask for food as people are going hungry, and with each passing day, more and more are falling into poverty with little chance of escape - which is still true, but, as you can imagine, COVID 19 has hit some families very hard due to isolation, furlough from work, redundancy, increased debt or rent arrears as a result of having a reduced income for over 3 months and although they still need food they also need the expensive toiletries and household cleaning products to help keep them safe and well.

Swindon Food Bank have been fortunate enough to receive extra donations of food from supermarkets and this is currently meeting the need for food **so this year we are asking for household goods and toiletries instead of food to help families protect themselves from infection and harm.** It's very important that we all do what we can to reduce the risk of people getting ill with coronavirus so this year

we are asking for items which many of our people have limited amounts of or are unable to afford on a regular basis.

If you are able, please donate something off the list below and send into school for Harvest. If you are able and can also afford to, please stick a £1.00 onto the item you have donated as this will help raise funds to help cover the cost of running the distribution centres, warehouse and vans which collect and distribute the food.

PLEASE BRING YOUR ITEMS IN ON THE MORNING OF Friday 15th October:

- Cleaning cloths
- Household cleaners
- Wash & Go 2in shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant (male & female),
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Surface cleaners
- Soap
- Toilet rolls
- Laundry pods/power/liquid
- Laundry Conditioner
- Shower gel (male & female)
- Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Upcoming Dates

11th October - Mental Health Day - Wear something yellow

14th October - Individual and Sibling (in school) Photos

20th October -Parents Evening

22nd November 2021 - Bags2School

8th December - Flu vaccinations - details will follow nearer the time

13th December - Christmas Dinner

28th January 2022- Bags2School



REMINDER!

**20th October Parents Evening - school finishes at
1.10pm (1:15pm for Apple class)**

All 4 – 12
year olds
welcome



Fully
Qualified
Coaches

Halloween Special
Friday 29th October

Including Fancy Dress Prizes
Skeleton Scavenger Hunt
Spooky Games
and of course our Famous
Zombie Invasion

Join our Half Term Fun Based at
**BROOK FIELD PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

25th – 29th October

A wide variety of sports and activities on offer including Pool, Football, basketball, cricket, a nature walk, outdoor gym equipment, 2 play areas, and many more.....

For an application form and price list please email - swindonmultisports@hotmail.com



Swindon Multisports Limited



Christmas Minis

30 minute session (1 backdrop)

up to 3 siblings

Online gallery

1 digital image included

Book now - Only £40

Additional digital photos
available for £10 each



Contact

Instagram: Blossom_Tree_Photography_UK

Mobile: 07825619359

Dates available Oct/Nov/Dec

Home studio: Redhouse, Swindon



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LOTTERY

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SCHOOL YEAR
NEW
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